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**LAC-IEE-07-27**

**ENVIRONMENTAL THRESHOLD DECISION**

<b>Activity Location:</b>	Paraguay
<b>Activity Title:</b>	Investing in people (1.7 Family Planning and Reproductive Health, 1.6 Maternal and Child Health)
<b>Activity Number:</b>	526-009
<b>Life-of-Activity Funding:</b>	\$5.3 million (this extension)
<b>Life-of-Activity:</b>	FY 2007 – FY 2012
<b>IEE prepared by:</b>	Graciela Avila, CTO, USAID/Paraguay
<b>Reference ETDs:</b>	LAC-IEE-00-30
<b>Recommended Threshold Decision:</b>	Categorical Exclusion
<b>Bureau Threshold Decision:</b>	Concur with Recommendation

**Comments:**

This Threshold Decision amends LAC-IEE-00-30 to extend USAID/Paraguay's Investing in People (Health Strategic Objective) until 30 September 2011 and to increase funding by \$5.3 million (originally \$15.0 million).

A **Categorical Exclusion** is issued to all components of Investing in People (1.7 Family Planning and Reproductive Health and 1.6 Maternal and Child Health), pursuant to 22 CFR 216.2(c)(2):

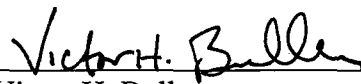
(i) Education, technical assistance, or training programs except to the extent such programs include activities directly affecting the environment (such as construction of facilities, etc.);

(viii) Programs involving nutrition, health care or population and family planning services except to the extent designed to include activities directly affecting the environment (such as construction of facilities, water supply systems, waste water treatment, etc.);

(xiv) Studies, projects or programs intended to develop the capability of recipient countries to engage in development planning, except to the extent designed to result in activities directly affecting the environment (such as construction of facilities, etc).

#### Amendments

- Amendments to Initial Environmental Examinations (IEE) shall be submitted for LAC Bureau Environmental Officer (BEO) approval for any activities not specifically covered in the IEE, which include:
  - Funding level increase beyond ETD amount,
  - Time period extension beyond ETD dates (even for no cost extension), or
  - A change in the scope of work, such as the use of pesticides or activities subject to Foreign Assistance Act sections 118 and 119 (e.g. procurement of logging equipment), among others.
- Amendments to IEEs include Environmental Assessments (EA or PEA) and approval of these documents by the LAC BEO could require an annual evaluation for environmental compliance.

 Date 31-May-07

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**Attachment: Amended Initial Environmental Examination**

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## AMENDED INITIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EXAMINATION

ACTIVITY LOCATION: Paraguay  
ACTIVITY TITLE: Investing in people  
ACTIVITY NUMBER: 526 -009  
CURRENT FUNDING: \$ 5.3 Million  
LIFE OF ACTIVITY: FY 2007 – FY 2011  
IEE PREPARED BY: Graciela Avila, CTO, AID/Paraguay

### Recommendation for Threshold Decision:

This Threshold Decision amends LAC-IEE-00-30 to extend Paraguay *Use of voluntary Reproductive Health Services Increased* Strategic Objective until 30 September 2011 and to increase funding by \$ 5.3 million (originally \$15 million) issued on June 23, 2000.

It is recommended that the LAC Bureau Environmental Officer approve a categorical exclusion for Program Area, including the following program - elements under USAID/Paraguay's Health Program Area:

Program element: Family Planning and Reproductive Health  
Program element: Maternal and child health

This Amended IEE covers the period of implementation of the activities for four years to September 30st, 2011.


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